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SUBJECT: ISRAEL AT UNGA: OPPOSING ANTI-ISRAEL BIAS -  
DOMINICAN REPUBLIC

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1, Embassy on November 24 delivered reftel demarche to MFA UN affairs director Michelle Cohen, emphasizing the importance of the upcoming votes in the UNGA to promote more equitable treatment of Israel in the UN and to advance the cause of UN reform. Political officer also highlighted the urgency of getting instructions to the Dominican UN mission in New York.

We asked that the Dominican Republic consider voting "no" to the proposed extension of the mandate of three outmoded UN bodies dealing with Israeli-Palestinian issues. Cohen had no immediate reaction, but will study our points -- which we delivered as a non-paper -- and engage MFA decisionmakers.

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